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Markup: "The Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act"

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and Cybersecurity

Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity will meet to consider H.R. 4439, the "Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Reorganization Act," legislation that is intended to make TSA a more effective and efficient organization serving the American people.

Key provisions of the bill include: requiring TSA to create a program to instantaneously pre-screen all international passengers traveling to the U.S.; encouraging state and local governments and federal contractors to compete with TSA to provide airport security; requiring TSA to develop a Vetted Passenger List; and returning the savings from new technologies to the airports, in order to encourage additional spending on advanced technologies and security programs.

H.R. 4439 was introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA) on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Subcommittee Chairmen Mike Rogers (R-AL), Dave Reichert (R-WA), Michael McCaul (R-TX), and Rep. Katherine Harris (R-FL) were original co-sponsors of the bill.

Text of H.R. 4439 and comprehensive background information are available at http://homeland.house.gov.